Supply of mobile set to landline subscribers

†416. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL proposes to provide a mobile telephone set through MTNL to all its subscribers in Delhi having fixed telephone connections at present; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Telephone facilities

†417. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are determined to provide telephone facilities in each and every village and toward this objective, it is expanding telecom services fast;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a decision has been taken at highest level to put a ban on the installation of telephone exchanges in rural areas for providing telephone facilities; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The telephone exchanges are being planned in rural areas as per existing norms furnished below:

(i) The priority will be to use WLL solution to cover rural areas.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.